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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Section, Development Projects Division
SUBJECT : Clearances Requested by Captain Plitt, Joint Chiefs of Staff Secretariat

1. As I have relayed to you orally, General Cabell 31 January approved IDEALIST, CORONA, and ARGON clearances for the following:

a. Charles J. Hitch, Assistant Secretary Defense (Comptroller).

b. Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary Defense, International Security Affairs.

c. Jack P. Ruina, Acting Director, ARPA.

2. General Cabell had specifically asked if the Joint Chiefs or the Secretary of Defense had originated this request. I told him that to the best of my knowledge Plitt was speaking for the Secretary of Defense, and JCS was merely the mechanism for transmitting the requirement to us. I added that as I understood it, these clearances were made in connection with the requirement that Plitt had laid upon the Secretary of Defense to establish a task force to report by 20 February on the whole issue of strategic intelligence. I understand separately that TKH billets have been approved and clearances obtained on all three of these gentlemen, but I do not know the path this followed.

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